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TO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

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SUBJ: ANTARCTIC COOPERATION, TRANSFER OF R/V ELTANIN

REF: BUENOS AIRES 5455

FROM NSF OFFICE OF POLAR PROGRAMS

1. CONSIDER FIGURES STATED REF (A) FOR FUEL, REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE EXAGGERATED.

2. ACTUAL FUEL COSTS FOR FY-71 \$80,960, DAYS AT SEA 253, NAUTICAL MILES STEAMED 37,249. FUEL COSTS FY-72 \$88,780, DAYS AT SEA 297, NAUTICAL MILES STEAMED 41,953.

3. OPERATING COSTS FOR FY-72:

EQUIPAGE (ALLOWANCE LIST ITEMS) \$ 3,112 NOTE 1

MAINTENANCE & REPAIR 94,588

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SUPPLIES, ETC. 169,471NOTE 2

SUBSISTENCE CREW 56,980 NOTE 3

TOTAL \$324,151

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NOTE 1--EXPENDABLE DECK EQUIPMENT, LINES, PAINT,
- LIFE RAFTS, ETC.

NOTE 2--INCLUDED IN SUPPLIES IS COST OF AIR FREIGHT
FOR PARTS AND SUPPLIES SHIPPED FROM U.S. TO
OVERSEAS LOCATIONS OF ELTANIN, TRAVEL MONEY,
MOVIES, HOUSEKEEPING SUPPLIES, PORT EXPENSES,
ETC.

NOTE 3--SUBSISTENCE CREW WAS FOR FOUR FULL MEALS PER
DAY. MENUS CONTAINED A WIDE VARIETY OF
CHOICES.

4. ESTIMATED OPERATING COSTS FOR 200 DAYS AT SEA:

A. PROPULSION FUEL \$58,000
ASSUMPTION BASED ON 200 DAYS AT SEA, THAT ELTANIN
OPS WILL BE CONDUCTED CLOSER TO ARGENTINA AND WILL
NOT REQUIRE AS MUCH STEAMING TIME TO REACH
OPERATIONAL AREAS.

B. SUBSISTENCE CREW \$22,000
COST COMPUTED ON BASIS OF 48 MAN CREW, COST PER
MAN PER DAY 2 DOLLARS 31 CENTS TIMES 200 DAYS
AT SEA

C. SUPPLIES, ETC. \$120,000
REDUCED FY-72 COSTS BY \$49,000 BASED ON 200 VICE
297 DAYS AT SEA PLUS DELETION OF TRANSPORTATION
COST, TRAVEL MONEY, AND MOVIES.

D. EQUIPAGE (ALLOWANCE LIST ITEMS) \$5,000
INCREASED ITEM DUE TO EXPENDITURE OF \$7,500 IN
FY-71. ITEMS INCLUDED IN EQUIPAGE ARE EXPENDABLE
DECK EQUIPMENT SUCH AS LIFE RAFTS, LINES, PAINT,
ETC.

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E. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR \$280,000
INCREASED ITEM TO INCLUDE COST OF A SHIPYARD
OVERHAUL.

F. COMPUTER RENTAL \$27,000

G. EXTRAORDINARY REPAIRS \$28,000

STORM DAMAGE, SHIPHANDLING MISTAKES, ETC.

H. REPLACEMENT OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT \$40,000

I. EXPENDABLE SCIENTIFIC MATERIAL \$60,000

ESTIMATED TOTAL YEARLY COSTS \$640,000

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5. NO OBJECTION TO PROVIDING ABOVE INFO TO CAPTS
MARIENHOFF AND TORTI.

6. AWAITING RECEIPT OF ANNOTATED COPY OF SHIP'S ALLOWANCE
LISTS WHICH WILL SHOW INVENTORY OF SPARE PARTS ON BOARD.
WILL PROVIDE CAPT MARIENHOFF THIS INFO UPON RECEIPT.
TELCON WITH MSC PERSONNEL INDICATES APPROXIMATELY 90 PER
CENT OF SPARES ON BOARD.

7. CAPT MARIENHOFF REQUESTED INFO ON TWO DEPTH RECORDERS
WHICH APPEARED TO BE MISSING FROM ELTANIN. BOTH RECORDERS
ARE ON BOARD ELTANIN AND STORED IN SECURE COMPARTMENTS
FOR REINSTALLATION UPON REMANNING ELTANIN.

8. MSC REPORTS NORMAL LEAD TIME FOR MOST SPARE PARTS TWO
WEEKS. LEAD TIME FOR UNUSUAL ENGINE SPARES MAY REQUIRE
AS MUCH AS TWO MONTHS. ROGERS

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